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1. CODEL ROSENTHAL (REPS. ROSENTHAL, WILSON, TAYLOR AND STAFF CONSULTANT HACKETT) HAD BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE SCHEDULE WHILE IN ISRAEL AS DEPT AWARE, CODEL WAS JOINED HERE BY CODEL ABZUG, KOCH AND WOLF.

2. NOV 19 AND 20 ALL SIX REPS FOLLOVED SAME SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:
A. NOV 19 - BRIEFINGS AT MFA BY MRS. VERED, DIR MEDITERRANEAN AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION, AND AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ARTHUR LOURIE; VISIT TO KADASSAH MEDICAL CENTER WHERE GROUP MET WITH WOUNDED ISRAELI SOLDIERS AND WAS BRIEFED BY DIRGEN DR. MANN ON CENTER OPERATIONS DURING WAR; LUNCH HOSTED BY DIR MFA NOAMDIV ELIZUR, AND ATTENDED BY DEPDIRGEN KIDRON AND ASST DIRGEN FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AMIR; MILITARY BRIEFING BY CHIEF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GEN ZEIRA; ONE HOUR MEETING WITH PRIMIN MEIR. REPS ROSENTHAL AND TAYLOR AND MR. HACKETT RECEIVED LAST EVENING EMBASSY BRIEFING. (UNEXPECTED BENEFIT OF VISIT TO MEDICAL CENTER WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR CODEL TO MEET AND DISCUSS ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION WITH MRS. MATZKIN, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH, WHO CURRENTLY VISITING ISRAEL. HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION WITH PRIMIN MEIR REPORTED TEL AVIV 9418.)

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B. NOV 20 - GROUP SPENT FULL DAY VISITING SINAI BATTLEFRONT BY IDF

HELICOPTER. HOST FOR ENTIRE DAY WAS GEN ARIK SHARON, WHO FOLLOWING BRIEFING OF GENERAL SITUATION WENT INTO DETAIL ON HIS UNIT'S BREAKTHROUGH TO WEST BANK OF CANAL AND THEM ACCOMPANIED GROJP TO IMPORTANT BATTLE SITES, DESCRIBING CANAL CROSSING STEP BY STEP. SHARON ALSO ACCOMPANIED GROUP TO SUEZ CITY, WHERE GROUP RECEIVED BRIEFING DROM ISRAELI BATTALION COMMANDER AT BATTALION COMMAND POST. PRIOT TO LEVING SUEZ CITY, GROUP HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH FINNISH SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO UNEF AND TO VIEW EGYPTIAN CONVOY PROCEEDING THROUGH CHECKPOINTS ENROUTE THIRD ARMY. CODEL ATTENDED EVENING BUFFET DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR, WHICH PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY COMPARE NOTES WITH MEMBERS CODEL STRATTON AND MEET WITH MEMBERS OF KNESSET FROM SEVERAL PARTIES.

3. NOV 21 - REPS TAYLOR AND WOLF DEPARTED IN MORNING. REMAINDER OF GROUP HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT HILTON HOTEL PRIOR VISITING IMMIGRATION ABSORPTION CENTER AT MIKHMORET AND THEN VIEWING SOVIET EQUIPMENT CAPTURED BY IDF. IN EVENING REP KOCH RECEIVED EMBASSY BRIEFING.

4. NOV 22 - REP ROSENTHAL AND MR. HACKETT DEPARTED IN MORNING. REP ABZUG HAD TWO HOUR DISCUSSION RE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT WITH GOI DEPUTY WATER COMMISSIONER ARLOSOROFF. REP KOCH MET WITH DIRGEN MINFIN AGMON.

5. REPS ABZUG AND KOCK DEPARTED MORNING NOV 23. REP WILSON SCHEDULED DEPART MORNING NOV 25.

6. TO JUDGE FROM COMMENTS OF CODEL, INCLUDING STATEMENTS DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, GROUP VERY SATISFIED WITH VISIT. KEATING

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